





## NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

"MIKADO," FROM LONDON.  
CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense by  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.  
Agents.  
Hongkong, November 18, 1868. no22

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the British Barque "Finzel," Capt. Hicks, from London, are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underwriter for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery. Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

EDWARD SCHELLHANS & Co.  
Hongkong, November 13, 1868. no20

THE following cases have been landed at, and stored at the risk and expense of the Consignees, who are requested to take immediate delivery.  
Ex. "Domini," 7th January, 1868.

RT 531 1 Case-Paper.  
B "Ex. Hooply," 31st October, 1868.  
VO 827 1 Arms.  
PO 850 1 Books.  
LF 285 1 Books.  
C. BERTRAND,  
Principal Agent.  
Hongkong, November 9, 1868.

## NOTICES OF FIRMS.

M. R. JOHN ALEXANDER SANDILANDS is authorized to sign our firm per procreation.  
R. MCGREGOR & Co.  
Hongkong, November 12, 1868. if

WE have this day established a Branch of our firm at HIGO and OSAKA.  
WACHTEL'S GROSS & Co.  
Nagasaki, September 20, 1868. 16de

I HAVE this day established myself as a PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT, AVERAGE ADJUSTER and GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.  
C. LANGDON DAVIS.  
Hongkong, July 1, 1868.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. WILLIAM NELSON in our firm ceased on the 30th June last.  
Mr. THOMAS PIM, Mr. WILLIAM NISBET OLMSTED and Mr. H. SEYMOUR GEARY are authorized to sign our firm in Hongkong and China from this date.  
OLYPHANT & Co.  
Hongkong, October 6, 1868.

FROM and after this date Mr. GEORGE F. BOWMAN will act as AGENT of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company at this Port.  
S. L. PHELPS,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, August 15, 1867.

MR. HENRY LINTON DALRYMPLE is authorized to sign our firm per procreation, at Foochow from this date.  
BIRLEY & Co.  
Hongkong, June 3, 1868.

MR. RYLE HOLME has been admitted a partner in our firm.  
GLOVER & Co.  
Nagasaki, January 1, 1867.

I HAVE established myself at this port as General Commission Merchant, under the Style and Firm of GIFFORD F. PARKER & Co.  
GIFFORD FORBES PARKER.  
Saigon, December 20, 1867.

THE Undersigned will from this date transact a GENERAL COMMISSION BUSINESS at this port under the firm of C. D. WILLIAMS & Co.  
C. D. WILLIAMS.  
Hongkong, November 2, 1868. dec3

WE have authorized Mr. CLAUDE BUDDE to sign our firm from this date.  
DREYER & Co.  
Hongkong, January 1, 1868.

## New Advertisements.

UNION DOCK COMPANY OF HONGKONG & WHAMPOA, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Annual MEETING of the Shareholders in the said Company, will be held at the Company's Office, (in the Hongkong Hotel Building), on FRIDAY, the 18th day of December next, at Noon, for the election of Directors in the place of those who retire, in conformity with the provision of the Articles of Association. At the same time the statement of account and the Report of Directors will be laid before the Meeting.

By Order of Directors,  
JOHN INGLIS,  
Act. Sec.  
Hongkong, November 18, 1868. no22

"THE UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON."

NOTICE is hereby given that in compliance with the requirements of Section Number Fifty of "The Companies Ordinance, 1866," an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Society, No. 12, Praya, on Monday, the Twenty-first day of December next, at Three o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of confirming all or any Special Resolutions that may be passed at the Meeting called for the purpose on the Fifth day of December next.

Dated the Thirtieth day of Oct., A.D. 1868.  
By Order of the Board of Directors,  
ROBERT WATMORE,  
Secretary.

## New Advertisements.

"THE UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON."

NOTICE is hereby given that, under the Provisions of Article 77 of the Articles of Association of the Society, an Extraordinary Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Society's Office, No. 12 Praya, on Saturday, the Fifth day of December next, at three o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of altering the Regulations of the Society by passing certain Special Resolutions numbered from One to thirteen inclusive, whereby Articles Numbers 25, 59, 71, 76, 77, 78, 120, 129, 139, 140, 145, 147, and 156 of the Society's Articles of Association are proposed to be struck out of and expunged from the Regulations of the said Society and certain other Regulations affecting the Duration, Constitution, Management, and other General Provisions of the Society substituted in lieu and exclusion thereof. And Notice is also hereby given that a Copy of the proposed Resolutions can be obtained by any Shareholder on application at the Society's said Office in Victoria.

Dated the Thirtieth day of Oct., A.D. 1868.  
By Order of the Board of Directors,  
ROBERT WATMORE,  
Secretary.

JUST RECEIVED PER "LOUISA"

BEVERISH & Co's CHAMPAGNE

PALE ALE BEER.

Apply to G. DUBOST & Co.

Hongkong, November 9, 1868. de9

## OFFICE OF THE CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ordinary Meeting of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Head Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 7th December, 1868, at 3 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Committee together with a statement of accounts to 31st October, 1868.

By order of the Committee,  
AUGUSTINE HEAD & Co.,  
General Agents.

Hongkong, November 7, 1868. de7

## OFFICE OF THE CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from the 20th day of November to the 5th of December, 1868, (both days included) during which period no transfer of shares shall be registered.

By order of the Committee,  
AUGUSTINE HEAD & Co.,  
General Agents.

Hongkong, November 7, 1868. de7

## TO LEND ON MORTGAGE.

\$22,000 on first class Property, not occupied by Chinese.

Address "W. T. M." at the Office of this Paper.

Hongkong, November 5, 1868. if

## ANDREW MILLAR.

## HOUSE, SHIP, &amp; STEAM-BOAT.

## COPPERSMITH &amp; BRASSFOUNDER.

No. 1, Queen's Road East and Nankai Lane.

Hongkong, October 28, 1868.

## DOCUMENTS Translated, at reasonable rates, from English, French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese or German into Chinese, or from Chinese into English. Address,

The "China Mail" Office,  
2, Wyndham Street, Hongkong.

## SAIORS' HOME, WEST POINT.

Trustees.

Hon. W. KESWICK, FORRES, Esq.,

Hon. JOHN DUNT, H. G. THOMSETT, Esq., R.N.

Hon. H. B. GIBB, W. MACAULAY, Esq.,

G. J. HELLAND, Esq., D. SASSON, Esq.,

G. J. HELLAND, Esq., G. J. HELLAND, Esq.,

W. LEAH, Esq., J. J. MURRAY, M.D.,

Committee of Management.

Hon. W. KESWICK, Chairman.

W. MACAULAY, Esq., H. G. THOMSETT, Esq., R.N.

## DONATIONS of Books, Periodicals, Newspapers, Clothing, &amp;c., will be most thankfully received.

A. OVERBURY,  
Superintendent.

Hongkong, October 29, 1868.

## MORRIS'S DIRECTORY FOR CHINA JAPAN AND THE PHILIPPINES, &amp;c., &amp;c., 1869.

THE Undersigned begs to announce that the first volume of the above work will be published early in January 1869, and he requests that the schedules addressed to the different residents be returned as soon as possible and that all foreigners lately arrived in China will kindly send their names for insertion without delay.

Orders will be received by and copies can be obtained from Messrs Duane & Co. Swatow, Messrs GILES & Co. Amoy, Messrs HENRY & Co. Foochow, Shanghai Recorder Office Shanghai, Japan Times Office Yokohama, Messrs CHASE & Co. Nagasaki, F. ALGAR, Esq., Clements Lane, London, and Messrs J. STRATMAN & Co. San Francisco.

J. B. MORRIS,  
Hongkong.

N. B.—All advertisements must be sent in not later than 15th November.

Hongkong, October 19, 1868.

## NEW BOOK.

"The Old Philosopher"

Translated from the Chinese

by JOHN CHALMERS, A.M.

Price \$1.50.

"The Origin of the Chinese" by the same author. Price \$1.

Apply at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. or The London Mission House.

Hongkong, October 17, 1868.

## FRENCH CONSULATE-NOTICE.

(W. I. G. to the accident to the building in Elgin Street, formerly occupied as the French Consulate, the Office of the above has been temporarily removed to the French Mission House, Staunton Street.

Hongkong, October 29, 1868.

## GEORGE GLASSE.

(FIVE YEARS MANAGER TO KINGSFORD & Co, PICCADILLY LONDON, AND 28, PLACE VENDOME, PARIS)

ENGLISH AND FOREIGN CHEMIST

VICTORIA DISPENSARY, HONGKONG.

SHIPS' MEDICINE CHESTS SUPPLIED & REFITTED.

Hongkong, May 1, 1867.

## New Advertisements.

HUNDRETH EDITION, REVISED AND ENLARGED.

GUNN'S NEW FAMILY PHYSICIAN, OR HOME-BOOK OF HEALTH.

Forming a complete Household Guide, giving many valuable suggestions, for avoiding disease and prolonging life, with plain directions in cases of emergency, and pointing out in familiar language the causes, symptoms, treatment and cure of diseases incident to MEN, WOMEN and CHILDREN, with the simplest and best remedies; presenting a manual for

NUISING THE SICK, and describing minutely the properties and uses of hundreds of well known MEDICAL PLANTS.

By J. C. GUNN, M.D., Author of Gunn's Domestic Medicine.

With supplementary treatises on Anatomy, Physiology and Hygiene or Domestic and Sanitary Economy.

On Physical Culture and Development. (Newly illustrated and Re-stereotyped)

PUBLISHED BY MOORE, WILSON & BALDWIN.

Sold to Subscribers only.—Price: \$1.10.

CONFUCIUS AND THE CHINESE CLASSICS, READINGS IN CHINESE LITERATURE. Price: \$2.50.

NOTICE.—A few copies of the above WORKS can be had by applying to "B" Co the China Mail Office.

Hongkong, October 29, 1868. no29

## THE "TREATY PORTS OF CHINA AND JAPAN," AND "NOTES AND QUERIES ON CHINA AND JAPAN."

EXTRACTS FROM REVIEWS.

(From the "Friend of India," June 4, 1868.)

"We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the numbers for the current year of 'Notes and Queries,' a most deserving Anglo-Chinese monthly, edited by Mr. N. B. Denys, whose 'Treaty Ports of China and Japan' are so well known. From the names attached to the 'Notes' we can see that the contributors include some of the best Chinese scholars in the East. Its interest is not confined to China, and it will be of valuable assistance to all scholars, who have directed their attention towards the subject of Buddhism and its literature, and generally to all who are interested in oriental antiquities. It deserves to be better known in India."

(From the "Straits Times," July 27, 1868.)

"Some time ago we had occasion to remark upon the progress that Literature as represented by the Press had made and was making in the East, and our attention has again been called to the subject by the receipt of a Hongkong publication which deserves some notice and which we have much pleasure in introducing to the knowledge of our readers. We allude to 'Notes and Queries on China and Japan,' published monthly by Mr. Saint, the proprietor of the China Mail newspaper. This publication is well printed on good paper, and in size and shape is very like its well-known namesake or prototype at home, and is equally well adapted for the use of the scholar and the general reader. It contains a mass of interesting and useful information regarding the language, literature, history, manners and customs of the Chinese and in a less degree of the Japanese. It says a good deal for the extent and stability of the footing of Europeans in China, that such a publication as this should be established and conducted with apparently successful vigour."

The publication is altogether a very interesting one, and wishing it every success, we commend it to the attention and support of our readers."

(From the "London Examiner," May 16, 1868.)

"This really useful volume ('Treaty Ports of China and Japan') is intended as a guide for travellers and residents in China and Japan, and as a book of reference for mercantile men generally. It contains an account, historical and political, of all the open ports of these countries, together with Peking, Yedo, Hongkong, and Macao. It has been carefully compiled and edited by Mr. N. B. Denys; and the elaborate maps and plates, with which the work abounds, considerably enhance its value."

We have thus given in outline some of the more prominent portions of the chapter devoted to Canton, as a specimen of the whole volume. Other chapters treating of Macao, Fuzhou, Ningpo, Shanghai, and the remainder of the treaty ports, we can only enumerate. The pages describing Peking, the capital, are so interesting, and contain so much that is new to European readers respecting its history, public buildings, and general characteristics, that we would fain transfer them to our columns. A complete and intelligible plan of the Imperial City and neighbourhood, gives us an accurate notion of the relative position of its divisions, streets, and places."

In the introductory chapter to the notices of the Treaty Ports of Japan will be found a succinct history of the Empire, together with remarks on its government, geography, and limits, which will be found particularly interesting as throwing a considerable light on a part of the world so long entirely, and still comparatively, unknown to Europeans. The descriptions of Nagasaki, Yedo, Yokohama, and the other Treaty Ports of Japan, are as elaborate and entertaining as those of the Chinese ports. A copious index and a useful appendix containing many hints and much appropriate advice to travellers and others, is also included in the volume. The entire work affords a vast amount of information, pleasantly written, and we doubt not will be pursued with interest by many who will never visit the Eastern seas."

## New Advertisements.

JOHN THOMPSON & Co., DISPENSING & ANALYTICAL CHEMISTS, AND SODA WATER MANUFACTURERS.

Ships' Medicine Chests supplied and refitted.

"TEETH EXTRACTED."

INTERNATIONAL DISPENSARY, 20, Wellington Street, Hongkong.

Hongkong, May 9, 1868.

## EASTLACK &amp; WINN,

Surgeon-Dentists, HONGKONG & SHANGHAI.

## GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 122.

TENDERS for Contracts for the supply of the articles included in the undermentioned Schedules to the Government Civil and Lock Hospitals, for the space of one year commencing on the 20th of December, 1868, will be received at this Office until Noon of the 1st of December, 1868.

SCHEDULE 1.—Provisions.

" 2.—Medical Comforts.

" 3.—Bedding and Clothing.

" 4.—Miscellaneous.

Tenders may be made for all four Schedules, or for each separately.

The successful tenderer will be required to enter into a Bond for the due fulfilment of his Contract, and for the supply of all articles of the best quality.

Tenders must be in duplicate, and in sealed envelopes, endorsed "Tender for Hospital Contracts." Forms of Tender, and all other information may be obtained from the Superintendent of the Government Civil Hospital.

J. GARDINER AUSTIN, Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, October 30, 1868. no30

## LATEST SHIPPING.

## CLEARED.

Sterling, for Whampoa.

Nunam, for Yokohama.

Maud Helen, for Melbourne.

Vereia, for Bangkok.

## PASSENGERS.

The following European passengers left this for Canton yesterday:

Mr and Mrs Burrows; Messrs Deacon, Minto, Menke, Devens, Middleton and others.

The following European passengers arrived here from Canton to-day:

Messrs Minto, Bulkley, Mr and Mrs Burrows and others.

## CARGOES.

Cargo per Formosa—

437 1/2 chests Tea.

50 bales Cotton.

2028 packages Sundries.

\$114.5.60 Treasure.

Cargo per mail steamer China—

Malwa Opium for Hongkong, 4104 chests.

" Shanghai, 1,092 "

Bengal Opium for Hongkong, 1,602 chests.

" 145 "

1,647 1/2 chests.

Cotton for Hongkong, 924 bales.

Specie.

From London to Hongkong, £12,317.14/2.

From Australia to Hongkong, £2,149.

" M'ellies to Shanghai, £780.

## POST-OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS WILL CLOSE—

For SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

Per "CLAN ALPINE," on Friday next, the 20th inst., at 4 P.M.

For SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA.

Per "ARRATON APAR," on Friday next, the 20th inst., at 4 P.M.

For AMOY & MANILA.

Per "PUNG SHUEY," on Thursday, the 19th inst., at 2 P.M.

For SWATOW, AMOY & SHANGHAI.

Per "FUSIYAMA," on Saturday, the 21st inst., at 7.30 A.M.

For SHANGHAI, NINGPO, NAGASAKI & YOKOHAMA.

Per "OTTAWA," at 11 A.M. To-morrow, the 19th inst.

IT is hereby notified for general information that the Hongkong and Shanghai Post Office has been established at the United States of America transmitted via the United Kingdom will be as follows, viz:—

Via SOUTHAMPTON.

Under 4 ounces, - - - - 12 cents.

Under 4 ounces and not exceeding 8 ounces, - - - - 24 "

Above 8 ounces and not exceeding 12 ounces, - - - - 36 "

Above 12 ounces and not exceeding 16 ounces, - - - - 48 "

For every additional 4 oz., - - - - 12 "

Via MANCHESTER.

Under 4 ounces, - - - - 16 cents.

Above 4 ounces and not exceeding 8 ounces, - - - - 32 "

Above 8 ounces and not exceeding 12 ounces, - - - - 48 "

Above 12 ounces and not exceeding 16 ounces, - - - - 64 "

For every additional 4 oz., - - - - 16 "

Prepayment of the Postage is compulsory in each case.

F. W. MITCHELL, Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, June 18, 1868.

## UNDER DESPATCH.

For Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.

Per "CLAN ALPINE," on Friday next, the 20th inst., at 5 P.M.

For Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.

Per "ARRATON APAR," on Friday the 20th inst., at 5 P.M.

For Amoy and Manila. Per "Pung Shuey," on Thursday, the 19th inst., at 3 P.M.

For Shanghai, Ningpo, Nagasaki and Yokohama. Per "Otawa," To-morrow, the 19th inst., at Noon.

For Swatow, Amoy and Shanghai. Per "Fusiyama," on Saturday, the 21st inst., at 8 A.M.

## QUOTATIONS.

Hongkong, 18th November







## Post-Office Notice

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Shanghai and Yokohama  
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Great Britain and Ireland,  
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Scale, viz. :—  
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 „ £7 „  
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3.—Orders drawn in the name of the Government of Hongkong, Shanghai, and Amoy, will be paid at the place at which Money Orders are payable at the time of their presentation.

4.—Alphabetical List of Money Order Offices in the Colony.

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ter or Payee be a Peer or ordinary title will be sufficient. The usual designation of such persons is "Baring Brothers" will be a mere term Messrs., such as "Messrs. Baring Brothers & Co.," or the name of the firm, or the name of the person acting under a title which does not

6.—The Remitter on standard is to be paid only through the bank. The Remitter has the option of giving the name of the Payee; if not, the Order will be crossed in the name of the Remitter. Cheques are commonly crossed in the name of the Remitter.

7.—When an Order is presented to a Bank, a receipt by any person is sufficient, provided the Order is in the name of the receiving Bank, and is presented by some Person in the employ of such Bank.

8.—The signature of the payee to be affixed to the place provided for the payee, if the payee be unable to write, by making his mark, or by the signature of a Witness, who must sign his address in the presence of the payee.

9.—Should the Payee desire to receive payment which the Order was issued in the Office than that in which originally drawn, the transfer provided the Order be presented to the Office.

drawn. In such case a new Order will be issued, the Commission on which will be deducted from the new Order.

10.—In the event of a Commission miscarrying or being lost, a new Commission may be granted on a written application.

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By Command  
F. W.  
Post  
General Post Office,  
Hongkong, 22nd August

the 1990s, the number of people in the world who are illiterate has increased from 1.2 billion to 1.5 billion. The number of illiterate people in the world is expected to increase to 1.8 billion by the year 2015. The number of illiterate people in the world is expected to increase to 2.1 billion by the year 2020. The number of illiterate people in the world is expected to increase to 2.4 billion by the year 2025. The number of illiterate people in the world is expected to increase to 2.7 billion by the year 2030. The number of illiterate people in the world is expected to increase to 3.0 billion by the year 2035. The number of illiterate people in the world is expected to increase to 3.3 billion by the year 2040. The number of illiterate people in the world is expected to increase to 3.6 billion by the year 2045. The number of illiterate people in the world is expected to increase to 3.9 billion by the year 2050. The number of illiterate people in the world is expected to increase to 4.2 billion by the year 2055. The number of illiterate people in the world is expected to increase to 4.5 billion by the year 2060. The number of illiterate people in the world is expected to increase to 4.8 billion by the year 2065. The number of illiterate people in the world is expected to increase to 5.1 billion by the year 2070. The number of illiterate people in the world is expected to increase to 5.4 billion by the year 2075. The number of illiterate people in the world is expected to increase to 5.7 billion by the year 2080. The number of illiterate people in the world is expected to increase to 6.0 billion by the year 2085. The number of illiterate people in the world is expected to increase to 6.3 billion by the year 2090. The number of illiterate people in the world is expected to increase to 6.6 billion by the year 2095. The number of illiterate people in the world is expected to increase to 6.9 billion by the year 2100.



**INSURANCES.**

**LIFE ASSURANCE.**  
**THE** Undersigned have received Authority by a recent Mail to issue Life Policies for amounts not exceeding £100,000 without reference to the Head Office, and was previously issued by the Board.  
**ROB. S. WALKER & Co.,**  
*Agents Royal Insurance Company*  
Hongkong, January 6, 1866.

**NOTICE.**  
**THE** Undersigned having received extended limits from **THE ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY,** are now authorised to issue Policies against FIRE as follows, viz. On any one first-class Building, or of Goods stored therein in Hongkong \$60,000; in Macao \$48,000.  
**ROB. S. WALKER & Co.,**  
*Agents Royal Insur. Company of Liverpool*  
Hongkong, June 17, 1864.

**REDUCTION**  
**IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM FOR**  
**FIRE INSURANCE.**  
**THE** Undersigned have (as already intimated in their Circular dated 14th October last) received authority from the Secretary of the **ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY** to Reduce the rate of Premium under certain circumstances, on PRIVATE RESIDENCES and on FURNITURE and EFFECTS, therein contained.  
In cases of DWELLING-HOUSES removed from the Town, the rate of Premium will be *Three-quarters per Cent.* in place of *One per Cent.* for Annam as hitherto charged; and in cases of Residences, so situated, being detached or semi-detached, the rate will be further reduced to *One-half per Cent.*  
The Royal's Annual Rates for FIRE INSURANCE on the various classes of Buildings and their contents will therefore remain as follows, until further notice, viz. —  
Detached and semi-detached.  
*Dwelling-Houses* (removed from the Town) and their Contents, ½ per cent  
Other *Dwelling-Houses* (similarly situated) and their Contents, ¾ per cent  
First Class *China Houses* and their Contents, 1½ per cent  
Other Risks as per special arrangement.  
**ROB. S. WALKER & Co.,**  
*Agents Royal Insurance Company*  
Hongkong, November 9, 1865.

**YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.**  
**A** DIVIDEND of (8 per cent.) Eight per cent. has been declared on the net Premium contributed to the above Association for the Year ending 30th September 1867.  
Policy holders will please send in particulars of their contribution to that date to the Undersigned.  
**RUSSELL & Co.**  
Hongkong, September 8, 1868.

**PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAN FRANCISCO.**  
**THE** Undersigned, Agents for the above Company are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, on BUILDINGS and GOODS, at current rates.  
**RUSSELL & Co.**  
Hongkong, February 6, 1867.

**BATAVIA SEA & FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
**THE** Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above named Company are prepared to grant Policies against SEA RISKS, at current rates.  
**RUSSELL & Co.**  
Hongkong, April 1, 1865.

**YANG-TZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.**  
**THE** Undersigned having been appointed Secretaries and Agents of this Association, are prepared to issue Policies upon Marine Risks at current rates of premium. Policies can be made payable in London, New York, Bombay, Calcutta, Singapore, Hongkong, Foochow and Shanghai.  
In addition to the usual brokerage this Association returns to the assured of each year at the close of each current year fifteen (15) per cent of the profits of the Company for that year divided pro rata to the amount of premium paid by each policy-holder.  
**RUSSELL & Co.**  
Hongkong, March 2, 1867.

**PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAN FRANCISCO.**  
**THE** Undersigned having been appointed Agents in China for the above Insurance Company are prepared to grant Policies covering Marine Risks, at the current rates.  
**RUSSELL & Co.**  
Hongkong, July 6, 1866.

**SAMARANG SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAMARANG.**  
**THE** Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Macao for the above named Company are prepared to grant Policies covering Marine Risks at the current Rates.  
**RUSSELL & Co.**  
Macao, August 4, 1866.

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**SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF BATAVIA.**  
**SAMARANG SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAMARANG.**  
**THE** Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above named Companies are prepared to grant Policies against Sea Risks on the usual terms.  
**SIEMSEN & Co.**  
Hongkong, August 1868.

**NOTICE.**  
**NORTHERN ASSURANCE COMPANY.**  
**PROM** and after this date the following Rates will be charged for Short Period Insurances:—  
Not exceeding one month, ..... 1/4 of the Annual rate  
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